

Montana Rail Service Competition Council

Agenda

Meeting #2 – January 19, 2006

9 am

Old Supreme Court Chambers
State Capitol

1. Welcome and Introductions – for the Public
2. Budget
 - a. Travel/Lodging
 - b. Per diem
 - c. Consultants
3. Multi-State or National Issues
 - a. ND Rail Rate Case
 - b. Federal Legislation
 - i. Senate Bill 919
 - ii. House Bill – James Oberstar (D) Minnesota
 - c. Source of Federal Funds
 - d. Surface Transportation Board
 - i. De facto abandonment
 - ii. Requiring rail trackage rights
 - iii. Redefining constructive placement
4. State Issues
 - a. Lewistown Abandonment update
 - b. Great Falls to Helena abandonment update
 - i. Rails to Trails
 - ii. Port Authority Option
 1. STB “No Service” classification
 2. Tax free municipal bonds
 - iii. Eminent Domain
 - iv. Cost analysis – if operated by a short line company
 - c. Union Pacific situation
 - d. BNSF Grain Rate Adjustment
 - e. State Rail Construction as a Solution
5. Rail Service Competition Plan
6. Set next meeting date and location
7. Comments from Public
8. Adjourn meeting